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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR: LELAND BURNS, URBAN PLANNING

1. BURNS PROGRAM PRAGUE CONSISTED OF SMALL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER FOR BURNS AND ING. ARCH. VACLAV KASALICKY, CSC, DIRECTOR, RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR BUILDING AND ARCHITECTURE; AND A DINNER/DISCUSSION HOSTED BY APAO WITH THREE CZECH PLANNERS: ING. ARCH. GORAZD CELECHOVSKY, DIRECTOR, PRAGUE INSTITUTE OF URBAN DESIGN; DR. J. MUSIL, HEAD OF SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR BUILDING AND ARCHITECTURE; AND MRS. ENGLICHOVA, DESIGNER AT THE PRAGUE INSTITUTE OF URBAN DESIGN.

2. LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WAS ON OPPORTUNITIES IN US FOR POTENTIAL CZECH DELEGATION TO EXAMINE MASS TRANSIT PROJECTS. DISCUSSION TOPIC, REVISED IN CONSULTATION WITH BURNS AFTER ARRIVAL, WAS "WHAT WILL PLANNERS BE DOING DURING THE NEXT TEN YEARS?" MOST STIMULATING PART OF 2 1/2 HOUR DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED 1 1/2 HOUR PRESENTATION CONCERNED "NO GROWTH" POLICIES ADOPTED IN RECENT YEARS BY ABOUT 80 SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED CITIES IN US.

3. EMBASSY EVALUATES BURNS AS EXCELLENT VOLUNTARY SPEAKER AND RECOMMENDS HIM HIGHLY TO OTHER POSTS. HE IS EXTREMELY CORDIAL, COMPETENT AND CURIOUS ABOUT PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. HIS DEPARTMENT AT UCLA IS INTERESTED IN EXCHANGES

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AND HE IS AN EFFECTIVE AMBASSADOR ON THEIR BEHALF. LETTER
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